IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.K.BASHEER

THURSDAY, THE 8TH MARCH 2007 / 17TH PHALGUNA 1928

WP(C).No. 7783 of 2007(B)

PETITIONER:

E.GANGADHARAN, ENGACHALIL HOUSE,
P.O.VANDANAMKURUSSI, SHORNUR - 679124.
WATER METER READER, KERALA WATER AUTHORITY.

BY ADV. SRI.THOMAS ABRAHAM
SRI.K.B.ARUNKUMAR

RESPONDENTS:

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1. STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY ITS
SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT BY ITS SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF IRRIGATION, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. KERALA WATER AUTHORITY REPRESENTED BY
IT'S MANAGING DIRECTOR, KERALA WATER AUTHORITY,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

3. THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,
KERALA WATER AUTHORITY,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

4. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, P.H.DIVISION,
SHORNUR, PALAKKAD DISTRICT.

BY GOVT.PLEADER SRI.BEJOY CHANDRAN.
& S.C. FOR KWA SRI.C.UNNIKRISHNAN (KOLLAM)

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 08/03/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

A.K. Basheer, J.

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Dated this the 8th day of March, 2007.

J U D G M E N T

Petitioner is stated to be working as Full Time Water Meter Reader in the P.H.Division at Shornur under the Kerala Water Authority. According to the petitioner he was appointed as P.T.Librarian in Kappur Panchayat on June 20, 1983. He was subsequently transferred as part time Librarian in Thiruvegappura Panchayath. Still later he was promoted to the post of Full Time Water Meter Reader in 1990. His grievance is that his service is not being regularised by respondents 1 and 3.

2. I do not deem it necessary to refer to the various contentions raised by the petitioner in view of the limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner at the Bar. It is brought to my notice that petitioner has preferred Ext.P9 representation before respondent No.3. Learned counsel submits that petitioner will be satisfied if an appropriate direction is issued to respondent No.3 to consider and pass orders on Ext.P9 expeditiously, particularly in view of the fact that petitioner is due to retire from service in July 2007.

3. Learned Standing Counsel for respondents 2 to 4 submits that a decision will be taken in the matter without any further delay.

4. In the above facts and circumstances the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 to consider and pass orders on Ext.P9 strictly on its merits and in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible and at any rate within six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment. Needless to mention that the

petitioner shall be afforded sufficient opportunity to be heard before any decision is taken in the matter.

Petitioner shall produce a certified copy of the judgment along with a copy of the writ petition before respondent No.3 for compliance.

A.K. Basheer
Judge.

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